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PIEDMONT GROUP ENDORSES INCREASED STATE AID

On November 3 the two hundred and ten people attending a dinner sponsored by the trustees of the Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens county libraries went on record as supporting the increase in state aid to public libraries.

The principal speaker, John K. Cauthen of the S. C. Textile Manufacturers Association, John H. Lumpkin of the S. C. National Bank, and W. W. Johnson of the State Bank and Trust Company, spoke of their work on the S. C. Advisory Committee on Higher Education. They emphasized the need in the state for more professionally and technically trained personnel and outlined the role they thought public libraries could play in assisting young people to find their proper life's work.

Miss Jean Galloway, chairman of the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association, presented the library's role as an educational institution and the reasons for the need for increased state aid as follows:

"I would like to take a few minutes to speak on the uniqueness of the library as an educational institution.

"A public library is the only educational institution available to a citizen of the State of South Carolina after his formal education has ended — a period of some 40 years during his life span.

"The most startling uniqueness of the public library as an educational institution is that it is the only educational institution in the whole wide world where one

may attend free of charge may choose his own curriculum may proceed at his own pace, and may delve to whatever depths he may desire, no matter what his age, status, or sex

Now, why State Aid for public libraries?

Because no public library in South Carolina meets the state or ALA minimum standards for adequate public library service

Because if one day next week every many woman, and child descended upon our public libraries to check out 1 book each — 1/2 would go home empty handed

Because we have only 50 professional librarians employed in our public libraries in this state

Because our storehouse of knowledge has doubled in the last 14 years

Because our State Aid Program has not increased in 14 years whereas local support for libraries has doubled

Because our State Aid to public libraries is only 1/16 of the total public library budget in this state whereas it should be 1/3 to 1/2 of the total

Because our State Aid Program is the lowest in the Southeast

Because State Aid is distributed on a flat dollar amount to each county — \$1,500.00 per county — without regard to population

Because the public libraries return this amount — or more to the state through the payment of sales taxes on books — ergo — no state aid

Because the present state revenues can bear this additional appropriation without an increase in taxes

Because without this increase our public libraries — the neglected educational institution — will stagnate, decay and disappear.

"For these reasons and many more, the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association with the support of librarians and friends requested that an item for State Aid in the amount of 25¢ per capita for each county be inserted in the budget of the State Library Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1967. This has been done. Our state library laws will be amended to provide for the return of this money to the counties for books and personnel — the expenditure of such funds to be controlled and administered by the local boards of trustees. The brochures in front of you shows what this will mean for your county and our region. (A copy of the brochure is attached to this issue of News for Public Libraries)

"A group of trustees and friends appeared before the State Budget and Control Board on October 20th in support of this measure. However, we cannot do this alone — take the brochures home — read them — and let your delegations and public officials know your stand on this.

"This is the crucial year in South Carolina for our public libraries — don't you fail them."

Libraries Need All The Help They Can Get

Non-readers probably "couldn't care less" about libraries.

Even those who do read apparently are not too concerned about conditions which currently exist in South Carolina, because if they were, the libraries would not be in the condition they are today.

Are there any answers to the dilemma which leaves this state with less than a single volume per resident in its libraries, which finds only about 50 professionally trained librarians at work, which finds South Carolina in its accustomed place of being "near the bottom" among its neighbors?

Yes.

One of the answers lies in the hard-core support of a handful of individuals who see the need for improved libraries, individuals who believe in working for a just cause.

Another is a proposed piece of legislation which, hopefully, will be successful in the 1967 session of the S. C. General Assembly, which will soon get under way in Columbia with several newcomers in the legislative halls. If the proposal wins approval, each county in the state would receive supplementary state aid based on the figure of 25 cents for each resident of a county.

Money, then, is an answer to a problem of poor library facilities in today's complex world, where knowledge is necessary to keep up with rapid advances in technology.

But general public awareness of the plight is needed before any of the answers to the problem can be forthcoming.

Therefore, it behooves the average citizen to learn all he can about his library, how it can help him improve his job skills, how it can contribute to his enjoyment of leisure time, how it can raise the cultural level of the whole county, making it a more attractive place for people to live and for business to thrive.

each person who is interested is urged to join the "lobbyists" for better libraries, and the simplest way to do that is to get in touch with legislators personally or by letter.

This suggestion, of course, applies to those who are interested in better reading.

It is assumed the non-readers stopped after the first paragraph.

--- Easley Progress November 16, 1966

Good Investment

The General Assembly will be given a proposal at the next session to provide nearly \$600,000 in state funds to aid libraries. We hope it is enacted into law.

It would provide 25 cents per resident to each county for library purposes. A quarter does not seem excessive for this purpose. With this money counties would be encouraged to build their own library systems, preferably on a regional basis with other counties, as Abbeville and Greenwood have done.

South Carolina is far behind in this respect, in most counties. The money would be a good investment.

---- The Index-Journal (Greenwood, S. C.) November 11, 1966

SLB DIRECTORS ATTEND CONFERENCE

On November 28 and 29 Estellene P. Walker, Director, and Betty E. Callaham, Director of Field Services, attended a meeting with other state library administrative agency directors in Washington. The purpose of the conference was to present guidelines and regulations governing the new Library Services and Construction Act. The presentation was followed by discussions and question and answer periods.

FEDERAL ALLOTMENTS AND MATCHING EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR 1967

Information recently received from the Library Services Branch of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., estimates the federal allotments and required matching expenditures from state and local sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, pursuant to the Library Services and Construction Act, P.L. 89-511. Data (an estimate) shown for South Carolina is:

	Allotment	Matching
Title I - Public library services	\$489,581	\$252,208
Title II - Public library construction	\$548,938	\$282,278
Title III - Interlibrary cooperation	\$ 7,075	
Title IV-A - Specialized state institutional library services	\$ 7,075	oroifed folial form over
Title IV-B - Library services to the physically handicapped	\$ 4,735	

No matching funds are required for Titles III and IV for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967.

NEW CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES BRANCH

Ray Fry will succeed Paxton Price as chief of the Library Services Branch of the U.S. Office of Education. Mr. Price has been acting chief.

Mr. Fry was director of Library Services of the F. E. Compton Company for several years. In January he became director of Educational Services of Field Enterprises. He was young adult librarian at Enoch Pratt, coordinator of young people's services at the Dallas Public Library, and director of the Rosenberg Library, Galveston, previous to joining Compton's.

NO REST FOR THE WEARY!

It used to be so cozy in Hampshire County libraries on a rainy winter afternoon. All has changed. The Hampshire County Council has prepared a by-law forbidding library-users to sleep, or to lie on the furniture or the floor without the librarian's permission.

— UPI Dispatch from Andover, Hampshire, England, in the Charlotte Observer, November 29, 1966.

LIBRARIES STUDIED

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Curley, a survey team retained by the State Library Board, have completed their study of Spartanburg and Greenville counties. They will survey Charleston and Richland counties at a later date. As a result of their recommendations, these counties will be able to plan a program for the logical development of branch libraries.

Mr. Curley, a native of Boston, with an M.S. degree in library science from Simmons College, Boston, is director of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System in New York. He has served as library building consultant for six new library buildings in New York State.

Mrs. Curley, also with an M.S. degree in library science, formerly served on the staff of the Massachusetts Division of Library Extension and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. She has recently been retained by the American Library Association to write a report on a survey of the use of paperback books in public libraries.

SLB STAFF MEMBERS STUDY GEORGIA'S TECHNICAL INFORMATION REFERRAL SYSTEM

Two State Library Board staff members, Charles H. Busha, Reference Consultant, and Maurice Thatcher Paris, Reference Librarian, visited the Industrial Development Division of the Georgia Institute of Technology on November 22. They were accompanied by A. Cartwright Hart, Administrator of Technical Services, S. C. State Development Board. A conference on the technical information referral system of Georgia's State Technical Services Program was held with Ross W. Hammond, Chief of the Georgia Industrial Development Division, and Dr. Mary Edna Anders, Special Research Scientist. After the conference, a tour of the organization and of the collection of printed materials was conducted by Dr. Anders.

SLB TO TEST MAGNIFAX TELECOPIER

Soon after the first of the year a Zerox Magnifax Telecopier connecting the reference department of the Greenville and Charleston county libraries with the State Library Board will be installed. The Telecopier sends and receives exact copies of anything written, drawn, printed, typed or photographed. The material to be reproduced is inserted in the Telecopier, the telephone number of the person to receive the copy is dialled and the receiver placed on a coupler, and minutes later an exact copy comes out of the Telecopier at the other end.

(Editor's note: I don't believe it!)

After a trial period of a month a decision on retaining and expanding the service will be reached.

LIBRARIES AND THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Some forty librarians, librarians' representatives, and library trustees attended the Governor's Conference on The Arts and Humanities. Maurice Thatcher Paris, Reference Librarian, State Library Board, was elected chairman of the Creative Writers, Poetry and Libraries Group. The group agreed that the cultural resources of the libraries and the State Library Board should be made available to the entire state. It was recommended that a bibliography of material on art, drama, dance, and related fields be compiled to make it available. Libraries could be the leaders in organizing local art councils, sponsor traveling art exhibits, films, and dramatic productions.

Art and Crafts in Walterboro

As a result of the Governor's Conference, the Colleton County Memorial Library held an Arts and Crafts Festival November 20-27. An Exhibition Tea was held on November 22 and art books were displayed. On Sunday afternoon the library was opened for the benefit of people whose working hours prevent their coming to the library. Mrs. L. B. Morley, librarian, reports that about one hundred persons toured the library during the two hours the library was open.

Blue Ridge Art Association

For many years the Oconee County Library has displayed traveling art exhibits and arts and crafts of local people. The library is now one of the agencies which is sponsoring the Blue Ridge Art Association of Oconee County. Among the activities of the association are classes in the various forms of art: painting, ceramics, weaving, dancing, etc. Louise Marcum, Oconee County Librarian, is teaching art and Elva Brown, staff member, is teaching ceramics.

FOURTH SLB REFERENCE WORKSHOP CONDUCTED

The fourth reference workshop in a series designed to aid in improving the quality of reference services in libraries of the state was held on November 14-15 at the Richland County Public Library.

The following librarians attended the two-day institute which was conducted by the State Library Board: Mrs. Wilbur S. Douglas and Mrs. A. Erwin Williams, Chester County Library; Mrs. Mary H. Quattlebaum, Fairfield County Library; Mrs. Marie S. Jackson, Kershaw County Library; Mrs. Paul Belk and Mrs. John W. Smith, Lancaster County Library; Mrs. B. E. Neiburg and Mrs. Francis Witherspoon, Oconee County Library; Mrs. Carol Agnew, Charles Grubb, Glen Musser, Mary Rhyne, and Mrs. Jane VanDerGrift, Richland County Public Library; and Mrs. Norma McKinley, State Library Board.

Charles Busha, Reference Consultant, directed the workshop. Assisting were Maurice Thatcher Paris, SLB Reference Librarian; Mrs. Janet Fresch Paris, SLB Cataloger; and Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, Reference Librarian of the Richland County Public Library.

The workshop was a follow-up to the State Library Board's reference project for small or branch libraries under which these libraries received grants to purchase books to improve their reference collections. Similar workshops have been conducted in Florence, Barnwell, and Greenville counties.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION DISCUSSES WORKSHOP

On Monday, November 21, SCLA Public Library Section chairman, Margie Herron, called together a group of public librarians to plan a workshop to be sponsored by the Section early this spring. Attending the planning conference were: Carrie Gene Ashley, ABBE; Emily Sanders, Charleston; Sara Henry and Gloria Lindler, Spartanburg; Catherine Lewis, Horry; Betty Callaham and Estellene Walker, State Library Board. The workshop will be aimed primarily at those librarians in the state who are not professional, graduate librarians, and with little or no administrative responsibilities in their libraries. Definite plans for the workshop will be announced later.

ORANGEBURG OPEN HOUSE

The Orangeburg County Library Commission is holding open house December 7 from 2 until 5 p.m. at the new library located at 510 Louis Street.

Costing \$125,000, the new building has 6,600 square feet of space and an additional 640 square feet in the carport for the bookmobile. Adequate lighting, adequate space, and attractive furnishings present quite a contrast to the old building.

PUBLICITY POINTER FOR DECEMBER

Why not try to make your Christmas display a little different this year? Try using a "Make-It-Yourself" theme! Gather up books that tell how to make different kinds of things — everything from candle-making to sewing to candy-making would be appropriate. Set up an interesting display and invite library visitors to make gifts for the special people on their Christmas lists. Another idea is to display gifts hand-made by local patrons from the books on exhibit. Be sure and set up the exhibit early. Then call your newspaper's feature editor, tell him about your unusual display and ask him to do a holiday feature story on it.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

The Batesburg-Leesville Business and Professional Woman's Club presented a check for \$100 to the Lexington County Library building fund. The J. B. Martin Company has contributed \$1,000 to the fund.

The <u>Johnston Branch</u> of the ABBE Regional Library was so severely damaged by a fire on October 6 that it was necessary to discontinue service for an indefinite period.

Mrs. Eva F. Higgins, bookmobile librarian of the Pickens County Library since 1936, has been named career woman of the year by the Easley Business and Professional Women's Club. From 1941 to 1955 Mrs. Higgins also served as head of the county library.

Dr. Alfred Reid, professor of English at Furman University, spoke on The Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey at a program sponsored by the Greenville County Library on October 27.

Madeline Mosimann, Children's Librarian, Charleston County Library, was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Moncks Corner-Pinopolis Book Club. She gave the history of children's books and had on display a collection of children's books to include some of the old and the modern ones.

The Charleston County Library's Bookmobile No. 2 (1952 vintage) was sold last spring to a Charleston family when a new bookmobile to replace it arrived. The family fixed it up for camping and had a wonderful trip to Florida - mother, father, and three children. It is named the BATMOBILE.

A columnist devoted several paragraphs in the Greenville Piedmont to extoll the virtues of the staff of the Greenville County Library and its branches.

Marie Crockett Mims of Edgefield represented South Carolina in the National Make-It-Yourself With Wool Contest. Marie is the daughter of Mrs. M. H. Mims, librarian of the Edgefield County Library, ABBE Regional Library.

Mrs. Robin I. Darby has been named Children's Librarian of the Anderson County Library.

Because of lack of heat the <u>Williamston Branch</u> of the Anderson County Library has been closed. It will reopen in the new building which will be completed early in the new year.

Mrs. Gladys D. Douglas has been appointed acting librarian of the Chester County Library. She will assume this position on January 1 when Flint Norwood's resignation as librarian becomes effective. Mr. Norwood has accepted the position as librarian of the Statesville (N. C.) Public Library.

The Greenville County Library will present a series of 5 lectures on Our National Parks during January and February.

On December 5 the third in the 1966-67 series "What Makes A Book Live" was presented at the Charleston County Library. Richard Coleman discussed "Hamlet." The monthly programs are held on Monday nights in the lecture room of the library.

Mrs. W. E. Bennett Sr. has resigned as a member of the Orangeburg County Library Commission. Mrs. Bennett has served on the board since it was first formed in 1937.

READING FOR THE UNREACHED

"For those who need the library most--those who need books to upgrade their skills and understandings, the habit of reading and library use too often has not been developed. To reach these people, the library must go the extra mile. Especially, the illiterate and those hundreds of adults now enrolled in the basic education program, the library must go into the classroom with books and bring the people to the libraries initially under the protective umbrella of their class group. Otherwise the mass of books in the library; the timidity of the person; and the embarrassment of borrowing books of children's reading level is more than these adults and school drop-outs can endure."

1965-66 Annual Report
Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County
Charlotte, North Carolina

South Carolina libraries should emulate Charlotte in utilizing volunteers available through the several agencies operating with funds from the Economic Opportunity Act. Again we quote:

"Some had little concept of the working world; some seemed positively allergic to work and regular duty; some had little interest and motivation; and some departed without helping the Library nor the Library helping them.

"Still, 107 different young people worked 18, 409 hours for the Public Library during the year. This is an equivalent in hours of ten full-time employees who assisted in the provision of public library service in the fifteen public library agencies in the County. Most of these young people had useful experiences which will be of lifetime benefit to them. A few developed in positively outstanding fashion and will be valuable wherever they work in the future.

"...Five have been added to the regular staff when vacancies occurred for which they had demonstrated skill."

BOOK BREAKFASTS IN ATLANTA

Since 1963 the staff members of the Atlanta Public Library have participated in a volunteer project, a weekly Book Breakfast. A 30-minute talk on a book (or books), old or new, is given by a staff member. In addition to developing more enthusiasm for reading, the program has resulted in helping the staff become better acquainted.

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"Explore Inner Space - Read" and "Reading Is What's Happening" will be the dual motif of the 1967 National Library Week Program, scheduled to observe its Tenth Anniversary festival "week" from April 16 to 22.

The theme, "Reading is what's happening," gives libraries a special opportunity to tell their story, to project to their public "this is what's happening in your library and in those you don't know about," ranging from private collections in the home to the most advanced, coordinated research systems.

Within the framework of the over-all effort to bring about "a better-read, better-informed America," two specific areas are to be emphasized during the coming program-year: the recruitment, education and effective placement of professional librarians, to help offset critical staff shortages in the nation's libraries; and the concept of total community access to a variety of reading resources, for information as well as enjoyment.

Mrs. M. H. Mims, Edgefield, is South Carolina Executive Director and Carolyna Harper, Columbia, is her Assistant.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

The Emory University Division of Librarianship will sponsor a four-week Library Management Institute, July 24 - August 18, 1967. The Institute will be conducted by Jewel C. Hardkopf, Library Management Consultant, who will bring to the Institute a successful background as librarian, teacher, and consultant to libraries, library boards, and library systems. Application will be open to professional librarians in supervisory positions from public, school, academic, and special libraries and will be limited to thirty full-time registrants.

The registration fee for those who do not seek academic credit will be \$150.00. If academic credit (5 quarter hours) is desired, the fee is \$195.00 (plus a \$10.00 application fee if applicant has not applied previously for graduate study at Emory).

Inquiry, including request for application forms, should be addressed to Director, Division of Librarianship, Emory University, 30322. May 1 is the deadline for making applications.

HAYGOOD SCHOLARSHIP AT EMORY

The Emory University Division of Librarianship has announced the establishment of the Zack G. Haygood Scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be awarded to a student admitted to the Division program. The scholarship has been established by the National Library Bindery Company of Georgia, Inc., in memory of Mr. Haygood, former Treasurer and Manager of the company, who died in 1962.

HOW IS YOUR LIBRARY STACKED?

The National Secretaries Association (International) sets aside February of each year for its "Program of the Year". The theme for 1967 is: Your Library - How is it Stacked?

The purpose of this program is to acquaint NSA members with the functions and facilities of the libraries in their communities, and to encourage more extensive use of libraries for continuing education, on-the-job research and reference. Librarians will be approached by local NSA chapters to help in planning the February program.

Types of programs suggested are: (1) Panel discussion among local librarians from the different types of libraries in the community; (2) A speaker (librarian, library administrator); (3) Field trip to a local library; (4) Combination of field trip and speaker or panel.

MAKE YOUR PLANS EARLY!

The ALA has announced the following schedule for annual conferences:

June 23-29, 1968	Kansas City, Missouri
June 22-28, 1969	Atlantic City, New Jersey
June 21-27, 1970	Seattle, Washington
June 20-26, 1971	Dallas, Texas
June 25-July 1, 1972	Boston, Massachusetts
June 24-29, 1973	Las Vegas, Nevada
June 27-July 2, 1976	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MIDWINTER

The 1967 A. L.A. Midwinter meeting will be held in New Orleans from January 9-14. Plans are tentative at this time, but details will be announced in the A. L.A. Bulletin for December. See the October 1966 issue of the Bulletin for details concerning hotel reservations, registration and meetings.

YOUR PROBLEMS by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I would like your advice on a problem that has bothered me from time to time in my library system. One board in a small town is very fond of dear old Mrs. Readwell, who was responsible for starting their little town library back in the dark ages, and the board members now insist upon hanging a tremendous oil portrait of her on valuable wall space in the new library. Another librarian feels that she must keep the picture of a Roman funeral scene over the door because it was given to the library by the mayor's great great grandmother.

How do you handle these well-meaning citizens tactfully, Anne? Some can be very demanding, you know. This complaint may seem petulant on my part, but these bits of paraphernalia can and often do take up much needed space in a growing library.

Thwarted

Dear Thwarted:

My but you do have more than your share of problems! I hope they accumulated over a period of years and did not attack in one full swoop.

I believe a policy is the crux of all your dilemmas - every library should have a policy statement which covers conditions under which all types of gifts will be accepted.

This would cover Mrs. Readwell's portrait. How about suggesting a memorial room with a dignified plaque on or over the door?

As to the mayor's involvement, maybe he'd love to have his great grand-mother's contribution back - (is he going to be mayor forever?). Maybe a paint job would be arranged and afterwards just forget to hang the funeral scene.

Let me stress again that a "policy in time" makes for tactful handling of many problems.

Anne

CAROLINIANA

- Field, Nora N. Seneca Echoes. The Journal Company. \$1.00.

 (A few copies of this 1954 publication are still available from Mrs. Field, 208 North Fairplay Street, Seneca, South Carolina. It is regretted that Mrs. Field's name was given incorrectly in the November issue.)
- Hart, Georgia Herbert. Of Time and Tide. State Printing Company. \$4.00.

 (A collection of poetry and prose by a Columbia author. Illustrated by Moselle Skinner, Columbia artist.)
- Hetherington, Hugh W., ed. <u>Cavalier of Old South Carolina</u>: <u>William Gilmore Simms'</u>
 <u>Captain Porgy</u>. <u>University of North Carolina Press</u>. \$7.50.
- Heyward, Zan. More Things I Remember. State Printing Company. \$2.50.

 (A few copies of Things I Remember are still available. Write P. O. Box 6805, Columbia, South Carolina. \$2.00 plus 25¢ for tax and mailing costs.)
- Martin, Margaret Rhett. <u>Charleston Ghosts.</u> University of South Carolina Press. \$3.75. (Reprint of 1963 publication.)
- Mishoe, Dahlia. The Proud and the Meek. Walker, Evans & Cogswell. \$5.50. (Novel with a plantation setting.) Order from Mrs. Mishoe, P. O. Box 744, Conway, South Carolina.

Tindall, George B. South Carolina Negroes 1877-1900. Louisiana State University Press. \$1.95.

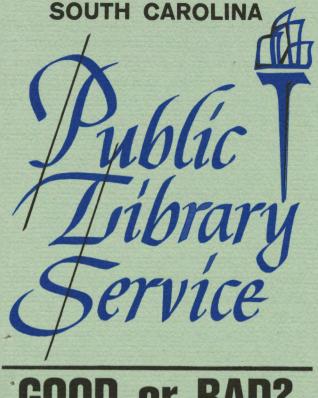
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GOOD or BAD?

the CHOICE is yours!

You have a decision to make which will affect 2,458,000 South Carolinians — the young and the old, students and businessmen, housewives and public officials, the handicapped and even the institutionalized. It will, in short, touch every person who lives in our State. The decision concerns South Carolina's public libraries. This year, you will decide whether they stagnate and fall into decay or whether they move forward and keep pace with our State.

In the past, we have not given our libraries the help they need. According to conservative estimates, the sum total of human knowledge has doubled during the past fourteen years. Libraries are the storehouses of this knowledge, yet in South Carolina we have not increased our state aid to public libraries by a single dollar since 1952. And now the situation has reached a most critical point. To illustrate, let's take a quick look at the condition of our libraries today.

Status of Our Public Libraries

According to the standards of the American Association of State Libraries: "The state share in the financing of local public library service should be at least one-third to one-half of the total cost of a sound minimum public library system." But in South Carolina, the State's total share of public library support is only one-sixteenth, or a mere 6.4% of total public library expenditures — a sum that's far too small to do the job for which it was intended.

At present, not one public library in South Carolina meets state and national standards. Not a single library comes up to minimum standards set by the American Library Association. Four of our counties do not even have a county-wide library system. Clearly, we cannot comfort our-

selves with being only a little below standard; we must face the fact that we are woefully inadequate in meeting the library needs of a progressive and growing state.

What is the answer? We must give our libraries (1) more books and (2) more and better trained personnel.

1. MORE BOOKS

If everyone in South Carolina decided to check out a library book one day next week, our public library shelves would be bare and half the people would have to return home without a book! Take away the old worn books, the old encyclopedias, and the out-of-date reference books, and there is only one-half of a book for each South Carolinian.

According to state and national standards, the minimum basic bookstock for a public library is 100,000 volumes of currently useful material. In South Carolina only four county library systems meet this standard — the great majority are far below it. Our state-wide library system should have at least 4,500,000 volumes; we have 2,201,728 volumes.

This book shortage has been intensified by a staggering rise in book costs over the past fourteen years. Retail book prices increased by 68% from 1952 to 1965 — the average price for books of all types has risen from \$4.13 to \$6.93 per volume. For scientific, technical and reference books, the increase has been even more drastic.

2. MORE AND BETTER TRAINED PERSONNEL

Today, only 50 professionally trained librarians serve in our public libraries. We need more than twice this number to handle the demands of our growing population. At present, seventeen county and regional libraries and six municipal libraries have **no** professionally trained staff members. Librarians' salaries have risen, too. In 1952, a beginning professional librarian received about \$3,000 per year. Now, we must pay professional librarians a minimum starting salary of \$6,048 in order to compete with libraries in other states for their much sought-for services.

Our Proposal

The "dollar gap" that is depriving our citizens of the library materials and service they need can easily be seen by glancing at the chart below.

Per Capita Library Expenditures

Recommended Minimum Standard	National Average	South Carolina
\$3.85	Over \$2.60	7 Counties — more than \$1,00 16 Counties — more than \$.70 23 Counties — less than \$.70

What can we do to remedy this situation? A good start has been made at the local level. During the last ten years, local library support has doubled, rising from \$927,133 in 1955, to \$1,815,137 in 1965. However, if our libraries are to meet the needs of our fast-moving state, this basic local support must be supplemented by additional State Aid.

Our proposal asks not only for an increase in the allocation of total state funds, but also for a change in the manner in which the allocation is distributed. It asks that State Aid funds be allocated and distributed on a per capita basis in order that the greater need of more populous areas may be fairly met. We, as library patrons, Friends of the Library, or library trustees, are asking that the State provide \$.25 per county resident toward the support of our public libraries, plus 3% for administrative purposes. If all 46 counties participate in this program, the cost to the State will be approximately \$613,358 per year.

County	Population (In Thousands)	Income from Proposed 25¢ Per Capita State Aid
Abbeville, Greenwood	65	\$ 16,440
Aiken, Bamberg,		
Barnwell, Edgefield	131	32,676
Allendale, Hampton, Jasper	41	10,255
Anderson	98	24,469
Beaufort	44	11,047
Berkeley	38	9,549
Calhoun	12	3,064
Charleston	216	54,095
Cherokee	35	8,801
Chester	31	7,722
Chesterfield	34	8,429
Clarendon	29	7,372
Colleton	28	6,954
Darlington	53	13,232
Dillon	31	7,646
Dorchester	24	6,096
Fairfield	21	5,178
Florence	84	21,109
Georgetown	35 210	8,699
Greenville	68	52,444 17,062
Horry	34	8,396
Kershaw Lancaster	39	9,838
Laurens	48	11,902
Lee	22	5,458
Lexington	61	15,181
McCormick	9	2,157
Marion	32	8,003
Mariboro	29	7,132
Newberry, Saluda	44	10,995
Oconee	40	10,051
Orangeburg	69	17,140
Pickens	46	11,507
Richland	200	50,025
Spartanburg	157	39,207
Sumter	75	18,736
Union	30	7,504
Williamsburg	41	10,233
York	79	19,690
Total		\$595,494
3% for administrative purpose	25	\$ 17,864
		\$613,358

Our libraries are doing a truly remarkable job with the funds they have, but they cannot keep pace with the progress of South Carolina unless they have the support they need — from their State as well as county and municipal governments. Will they receive this support? The choice is YOURS!

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